on the Second Channel of the Delhi Doordarshan;

(b) whether there is any proposal to sponsor Punjabi programmes at the Second Channel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the Punjabi programmes will be sponsored by the Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) About 25 proposals were received by the Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi out of which concept approval to five has been given and one pilot has been approved. The telecast of sponsored Punjabi Programme will commence on II Channnel of Delhi Kendra as and when sponsorers submit 4 completed episodes.

Retrenchment of workers due to strikes etc.

2553. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers retrenched, laid-off and suspended in the different States due to strikes, lock-outs and closures of industrial units, during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what factors are responsible for these strikes lock-ots and closures; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Statement I to III giving the number of workers affected by retrenchments, lay-offs, strikes, lock-outs and closures respectively during the years 1985-87 are attached. (*See* below).

(b) While strikes and lock-outs have been, among others, over issues relating to wages, allowances, working conditions and personnel matters, closures have generally been due to reasons such as financial stringency, shortage of raw-material and power, machinery break-down and adverse market conditions.

(c) The Gocvernment have been maintaining a close and continuous watch on the industrial relation situation in the country. The Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Centre and in the States are taking steps to resolve conflicts through preventive mediation, concilation and arbitration. As appropriate authorities under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, the Central and State Governments have been taking steps to regulate closures, lock-outs, lay-offs and retrenchments under the relevant provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. Steps are also taken to rehabilitate sick industrial undertakings under appropriate rehabilitation packages which include grant of concessions and reliefs by the Central and State Governments.

Statement - I

Workers affected due to Retrenchments, Lay-offs, Strikes, Lock-outs and closures during 1985-87.

State/U.T.	1985 Retrenchments	Lay-offs	Strikes	Lock-outs	closures
1	2	3	4	5	6
A.P.	416	12,702	94,478	24,518	642
Bihar	317	3,555	45,673	4,242	103
Gujarat	2,018	10,670	40,372	5,578	4,936

1	2	3	4	5	6
Haryana	543	6,575	8,202	1,200	1,404
Karnataka	97	2,417	35,593	6,656	521
Kerala	127	4,916	28,188	6,091	16,177
M.P.	121	7,638	21,478	2,050	828
Maharashtra	544	16,958	38,912	20,727	1,727
Orissa	5,078	1,112	47,894	1,133	804
Punjab	61	1,895	26,743	1,343	1,074
Rajasthan	399	3,678	30,701	5,326	656
Tamilnadu	700	18,167	2,37,764	10,999	1,028
U.P.	341	4,355	33,304	2,571	1,295
West Bengal	..	..	1,55,479	1,07,305	..
Delhi	22	25	4,115	663	—
Goa Daman & Diu	—	114	6,421	339	23
Pondicherry	—	3,895	12,006	—	—
Others	8	338	15,622	115	50
TOTAL	10,792	99,010	8,77,945	2,00,856	31,268

Statement - II

1986

State/U.T.	Retrenchments	Lay-offs	Strikes	Lockouts	Closure
1	2	3	4	5	6
A.P.	215	6,895	3,47,325	20,537	4,055
Bihar	32	1,592	2,59,770	3,129	1,615
Gujarat	1,854	17,046	44,008	10,677	14,977
Haryana	481	8,259	6,814	2,583	1,527
Karnataka	..	8,240	12,078	6,620	30
Kerala	71	40,918	1,20,044	10,923	13,589
M.P.	37	5,635	1,07,224	3,540	608
Maharashtra	405	7,334	26,416	18,500	2,600
Orissa	3,369	1,987	39,066	338	330
Punjab	70	3,292	44,536	4,463	152
Rajasthan	1,206	5,623	28,183	7,428	152

1	2	3	4	5	6
Tamilnadu	422	12,747	1,46,806	14,344	935
Uttar Pradesh	675	4,220	44,965	3,206	978
W.B.	..	..	1,74,237	91,939	24,486
Delhi	150	302	22,137	314	1,222
Goa, Daman & Diu	36	126	2,214	950	123
Pondicherry	—	5,802	—	—	—
Others	15	1,318	18,574	994	487
TOTAL	9,038	1,31,336	14,44,397	2,00,485	67,866

Statement - III

1987 (Provisional)

State/UT	Retrenchments	Lay-offs	Strikes	Lockouts	Closures
Andhra Pradesh	107	22,035	4,98,411	57,214	276
Bihar	—	2,652	1,22,123	23,319	—
Gujarat	1,067	4,009	27,102	11,855	16,810
Haryana	46	1,864	11,350	7,516	700
Karnataka	15	14,652	16,771	739	2,217
Kerala	16	2,308	32,708	8,311	14,713
Madhya Pradesh	1	20,241	31,041	1,298	—
Maharashtra	341	16,415	1,06,094	20,451	1,244
Orissa	1,889	917	32,626	4,182	79
Punjab	106	1,338	15,746	3,244	238
Rajasthan	190	3,861	56,767	5,033	199
Tamilnadu	215	4,121	96,646	6,891	163
Uttar Pradesh	224	18,632	11,300	6,219	330
West Bengal	..	203	1,40,575	1,02,259	55,357
Delhi	119	821	11,003	273	671
Goa, Daman & Diu	23	—	2,778	2,082	91
Pondicherry	—	2,766	122	—	—
Others	36	165	21,359	200	163
TOTAL	4,395	1,17,000	12,34,522	2,61,086	93,251

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Source : LABOUR BUREAU